### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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#### Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan Section 1:03 - Assignment to a Management Track

- (a) The clerk of court will assign cases to tracks (a) through (d) based on the initial pleading.
- (b) In all cases not appropriate for assignment by the clerk of court to tracks (a) through (d), the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk of court and serve with the complaint on all defendants a case management track designation form specifying that the plaintiff believes the case requires Standard Management or Special Management. In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.
- (c) The court may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any party, change the track assignment of any case at any time.
- (d) Nothing in this Plan is intended to abrogate or limit a judicial officer's authority in any case pending before that judicial officer, to direct pretrial and trial proceedings that are more stringent than those of the Plan and that are designed to accomplish cost and delay reduction.
- (e) Nothing in this Plan is intended to supersede Local Civil Rules 40.1 and 72.1, or the procedure for random assignment of Habeas Corpus and Social Security cases referred to magistrate judges of the court.

## SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CASE ASSIGNMENTS (See §1.02 (e) Management Track Definitions of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan)

Special Management cases will usually include that class of cases commonly referred to as "complex litigation" as that term has been used in the Manuals for Complex Litigation. The first manual was prepared in 1969 and the Manual for Complex Litigation Second, MCL 2d was prepared in 1985. This term is intended to include cases that present unusual problems and require extraordinary treatment. See §0.1 of the first manual. Cases may require special or intense management by the court due to one or more of the following factors: (1) large number of parties; (2) large number of claims or defenses; (3) complex factual issues; (4) large volume of evidence; (5) problems locating or preserving evidence; (6) extensive discovery; (7) exceptionally long time needed to prepare for disposition; (8) decision needed within an exceptionally short time; and (9) need to decide preliminary issues before final disposition. It may include two or more related cases. Complex litigation typically includes such cases as antitrust cases; cases involving a large number of parties or an unincorporated association of large membership; cases involving requests for injunctive relief affecting the operation of large business entities; patent cases; copyright and trademark cases; common disaster cases such as those arising from aircraft crashes or marine disasters; actions brought by individual stockholders; stockholder's derivative and stockholder's representative actions; class actions or potential class actions; and other civil (and criminal) cases involving unusual multiplicity or complexity of factual issues. See §0.22 of the first Manual for Complex Litigation and Manual for Complex Litigation Second, Chapter 33.

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. 169 A Megdowbrook Lanc Brookhaven, PA 19103 Address of Plaintiff: PGA Boulevard, Suite 104-113 Palm Reach Gardens, FL 33418 Brookhaven, PA 1910 3 (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed,R.Civ,P. 7.1(a)) No S Yes□ Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Date Terminated: Case Number: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any carlior numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? No X CIVIL; (Place / in one category only) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases; 1. 

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Labor-Management Relations 6. □ Other Personal Injury (Please specify) 7. Products Liability 7. D Civil Rights 8. Products Liability - Asbestos 8. 

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All other Diversity Cases □ Social Security Review Cases (Please specify) 11. All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) \_ ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check Appropriate Category) counsel of record do hereby certify: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; □ Relief other than monetary damages is sought. 2/2/2017 NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38. I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above. DATE: 2 (2/2017 206660 Attorney I.D.#

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#### **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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Plaintiff,

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF

PENNSYLVANIA

DOCKET NO.

V.

ALBERTO MANZON

6231 PGA Blvd., Suite 104-113

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

and

EXNOVO, LLC

6231 PGA Blvd., Suite 104-113

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Defendants.

#### COMPLAINT - CIVIL ACTION JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

- 1. Plaintiff Daniel Thomas Pearson is an individual residing at 169 A Meadowbrook Lance, Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015.
- Plaintiff Frances Pearson is an individual residing at 169 A Meadowbrook Lane,
   Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015.
- 3. Plaintiff Daniel Thomas Pearson and Plaintiff Frances Pearson are legally married and resided as husband and wife at all times relevant hereto.
- 4. Defendant Alberto Manzon (hereinafter "Defendant Manzon") is an individual residing at 6231 PGA Boulevard, Suite 104-113, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

- 5. Defendant Exnovo, LLC (hereinafter "Defendant Exnovo") is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of a State other than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business located at 6231 PGA Boulevard, Suite 104-113, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- 6. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. Section 1332, there being diversity of citizenship between the parties and the amount in controversy being in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in damages exclusive of interest and costs.
- 7. Sometime prior to July 24, 2016, Defendant Manzon and Defendant Exnovo designed, manufactured, distributed and placed into the stream of commerce an Orbitrim gas trimmer head (hereinafter referred to as "the product").
- 8. Sometime prior to July 24, 2016, Defendant Manzon and Defendant Exnovo distributed and sold the product to Plaintiff.
- 9. On or about July 24, 2016, Plaintiff Daniel Pearson was using the product for its intended purpose of trimming grass at 158 Meadowbrook Lane, Brookhaven, Pennsylvania when a piece of the Orbitrim blade suddenly broke from the trimmer attachment striking Plaintiff's left foot and causing him to sustain the injuries which are the subject of this action.

# COUNT I – STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – MANUFACTURING DEFECT, DESIGN DEFECT, AND INADEQUATE WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- 10. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 11. At the time the product was manufactured, designed, distributed and sold by Defendant Manzon, it was in a "defective" condition unreasonably dangerous to anticipated users in that upon normal use, it was dangerous beyond a reasonable user's contemplation.

- 12. At the time the product was manufactured, designed, distributed and sold by Defendant Manzon, it was in a "defective" condition unreasonably dangerous to anticipated users in that the risk of harm associated with the product outweighed its utility.
- 13. At the time the product was manufactured, designed, distributed and sold by Defendant Exelon, it was in a "defective" condition unreasonably dangerous to anticipated users in that upon normal use, it was dangerous beyond a reasonable user's contemplation.
- 14. A At the time the product was manufactured, designed, distributed and sold by Defendant Exelon, it was in a "defective" condition unreasonably dangerous to anticipated users in that the risk of harm associated with the product outweighed its utility.
- 15. The product reached the Plaintiff user without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold by Defendants.
- 16. The product was defective in design by reason of its failure to contain adequate safeguarding devices to prevent its blades from breaking lose while being utilized by anticipated users.
- 17. The product was defective in design by reason of its failure to contain safeguarding devices to protect an anticipated user from being struck by a blade, should a blade unexpectedly break off during anticipated use of the product.
- 18. The product was defectively manufactured in that it failed to contain safeguarding devices to protect an anticipated user from being struck by a blade, should a blade unexpectedly break off during anticipated use of the product.
- 19. The product was defectively manufactured in that it malfunctioned during normal and anticipated use.

- 20. The product was defective in that it was not provided with adequate warnings or instructions regarding the danger of the blade unexpectedly breaking off during anticipated use of the product.
- 21. The product was defective in that it was not provided with adequate warnings or instructions regarding the danger of a blade unexpectedly breaking off, appropriate measures to prevent a blade from unexpectedly breaking off and striking the user, the type of safeguarding devices to utilize, and the manner in which such devices function.
- 22. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants Manzon and Exnovo breached their duty to the Plaintiff Daniel Pearson under the doctrine of strict liability.
- 23. By reason of the breach by Defendants Manzon and Exnovo of their obligations under the doctrine of strict liability, Plaintiff was caused to sustain severe injuries to his left foot, including a displaced fracture of first metatarsal bone, displaced fracture of second metatarsal bone, laceration of extensor tendon; the full extent of which has not yet been determined. He has severe emotional trauma. He has sustained other orthopaedic, neurological and internal injuries; he has sustained arthritic and vascular changes; he sustained severe shock and injury to his nerves and nervous system; he has in the past required and may in the future continue to require medicines, medical care and attention; he had in the past been and may in the future be compelled to expend monies and incur obligations for such care and attention; he has in the past suffered and may in the future continue to suffer agonizing aches, pains and mental anguish; he has in the past been and may in the future be disabled from performing his usual duties, occupations and avocation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Daniel Pearson claims of Defendants Manzon and Exnovo a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in damages, together with such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may seem just.

#### COUNT II – NEGLIGENCE DANIEL PEARSON V. ALBERTO MANZON and EXNOVO, LLC

- 24. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 25. The injuries sustained by the Plaintiff, as set forth herein, were caused by the carelessness and negligence of the Defendants in:
- a) failing to properly design the product by providing all necessary safeguards to prevent a blade on the trimmer attachment from breaking off;
- b) failing to properly design the product so as to provide all necessary safeguards to prevent an anticipated user from being struck from a blade that breaks off the trimmer attachment;
- c) failing to properly manufacture the product in accordance with its specifications so as to prevent a malfunction of such system;
- e) failing to exercise due care in the design, manufacture, assembly, and sale of the product;
- f) failing to supply adequate warnings and instructions to the purchaser of the gas trimmer attachment regarding the danger of the blades breaking off of the attachment and appropriate measures to take to prevent blades from breaking;
- g) failing to supply adequate warnings and instructions to the purchaser of the product regarding the danger of being struck by a broken blade and appropriate measures to be taken to prevent anticipated user from being struck;
- h) failing to properly design the product and its components in such a manner that would prevent the blades on the gas trimmer attachment from breaking, thereby creating a risk of injury from said broken blades;

- i) failing to design the product in such a manner as would afford adequate protection from injury to a lawful user thereof;
- j) Defendants are liable to Plaintiff under the **Doctrine of Res Ipsa Loqitur** as set forth at Section 328 D of the Restatement (Second) of Torts.
- As a result of the carelessness and negligence of Defendants Manzon and Exnovo and their agents, servants, workmen and employees, Plaintiff was caused to sustain severe injuries to his left foot, including a displaced fracture of first metatarsal bone, displaced fracture of second metatarsal bone, laceration of extensor tendon; the full extent of which has not yet been determined. He has severe emotional trauma. He has sustained other orthopaedic, neurological and internal injuries; he has sustained arthritic and vascular changes; he sustained severe shock and injury to his nerves and nervous system; he has in the past required and may in the future continue to require medicines, medical care and attention; he has in the past been and may in the future be compelled to expend monies and incur obligations for such care and attention; he has in the past suffered and may in the future continue to suffer agonizing aches, pains and mental anguish; he has in the past been and may in the future be disabled from performing his usual duties, occupations and avocation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Daniel Pearson claims of the Defendants Manzon and Exnovo, a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in damages, together with such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may seem just.

### COUNT III – BREACH OF WARRANTY <u>DANIEL PEARSON V. ALBERTO MANZON and EXNOVO, LLC</u>

27. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.

- 28. Defendants expressly and impliedly warranted that the product and its components were safe and fit for the purpose for which they were made.
- 29. The malfunction of the product as set forth herein, constituted a breach of the Defendants' expressed and implied warranty that their product was safe and fit for the purpose for which it was made.
- 30. The Plaintiff's injuries and damages as set forth herein were directly and proximately caused by the aforementioned breach of warranty.
- 31. By reason of Defendants' breach of warranty, Plaintiff was caused to sustain severe injuries to his left foot, including a displaced fracture of first metatarsal bone, displaced fracture of second metatarsal bone, laceration of extensor tendon; the full extent of which has not yet been determined. He has severe emotional trauma. He has sustained other orthopaedic, neurological and internal injuries; he has sustained arthritic and vascular changes; he sustained severe shock and injury to his nerves and nervous system; he has in the past required and may in the future continue to require medicines, medical care and attention; he has in the past been and may in the future be compelled to expend monies and incur obligations for such care and attention; he has in the past suffered and may in the future continue to suffer agonizing aches, pains and mental anguish; he has in the past been and may in the future be disabled from performing his usual duties, occupations and avocation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Daniel Pearson claims of the Defendants Manzon and Exnovo, a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in damages, together with such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may seem just.

### COUNT IV- LOSS of CONSORTIUM FRANCES PEARSON V. ALBERTO MANZON and EXNOVO, LLC

32. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.

33. As a result of the injuries sustained by Husband - Plaintiff, Donald Pearson, the Wife-Plaintiff Frances Pearson, has in the past and will in the future be deprived of the earnings, comfort, society, companionship and consortium of the Husband-Plaintiff to his loss and damage.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Frances Pearson claims of Defendants Manzon and Exnovo a sum in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in damages, together with such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may seem just.

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BY:

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Attorney for Plaintiff

January 31, 2017